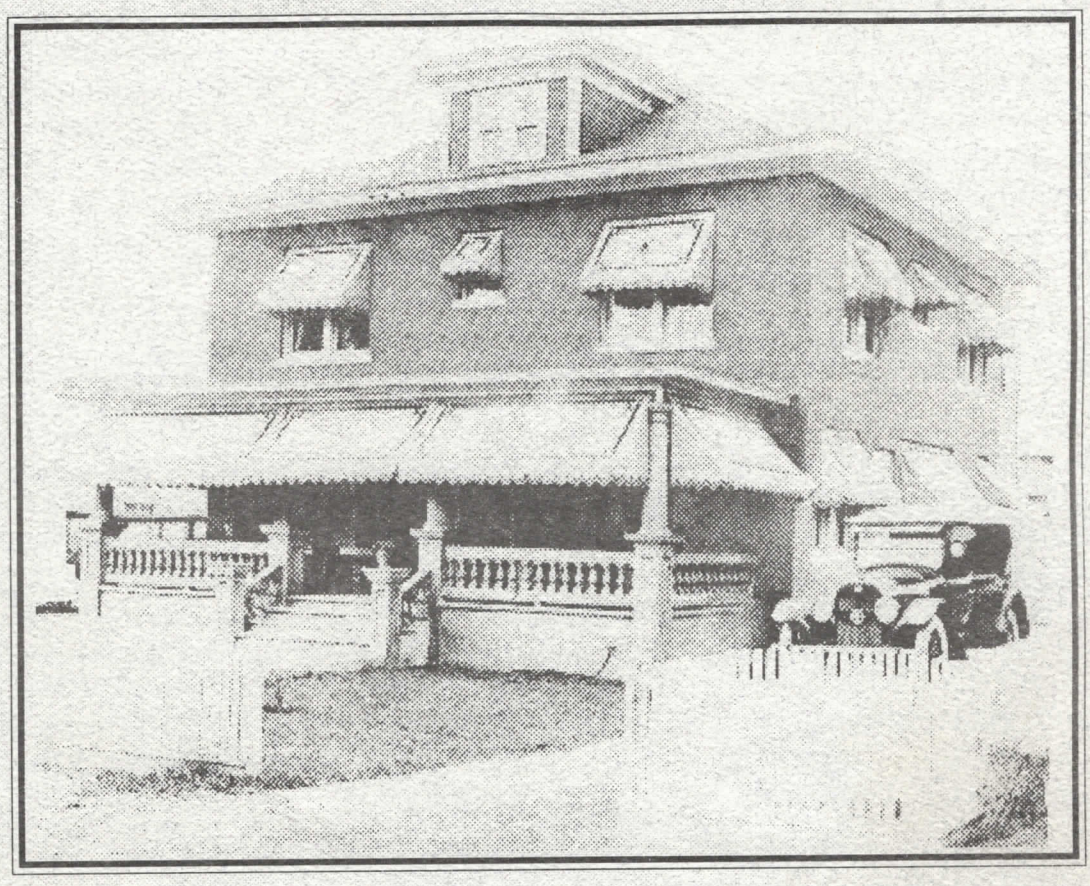

THE CHAPMAN HOUSE

DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS'

Ethnic Heritage Children's Folklife

Education Center

OFFICIAL DEDICATION
AND
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1993
1:00 P.M.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Chapman House: Ethnic Heritage Children's Folklife Education Center is to serve Dade County Public Schools students, K-12, districtwide, as the multicultural education headquarters for the instruction and application of social science skills through oral history, art, architecture, music, literature, language arts, and the humanities. Community, career and vocational education are components of this interdisciplinary process. Content is derived from available resources within local neighborhoods countywide.

The Chapman House: a historic site

Built in 1923, the 17-room Chapman House was the home and office of a prominent African American medical doctor in Miami's pioneer community, Dr. William A. Chapman. Architecturally, the house is a fine example of the type of masonry vernacular prevalent in Dade County in the 1920s. Dade County Public Schools acquired the Chapman House and adjacent property in connection with rebuilding Booker T. Washington School. Through the efforts of the Black Archives, History & Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.: the Chapman House was saved, designated a historic site and obtained funding for restoration from the State of Florida and Dade County Public Schools. The City of Miami designated the Chapman House as a historic site in 1983.

Reuse

The adaptive reuse of the Chapman House transforms this single family home into a districtwide learning center for school children, and offers a variety of public programs for other Dade County residents. Throughout the year the center now will house special exhibitions, lectures, and cooperative programs with community organizations and agencies. The main purpose of the center includes supporting the educational programming for Dade County Public Schools students through their regularly scheduled instructional programs as outlined in the Competency Based Curriculum. The center also supports programming for students and residents in community education programs. The programs are designed, implemented and evaluated in accordance with a joint operating agreement between the Dade County Public Schools and the Black Archives, History & Research Foundation of South Florida.

~ *Programme* ~

Official Dedication of
the Chapman House Ethnic Heritage Children's Folklife Education Center
Tuesday, April 20, 1993
1:00 p.m.
Dr. Tee S. Greer, Jr., Presiding

Presentation of Flags	**Miami Jackson Senior High School Students** Color Guard **Chapman Elementary School Students** Flag bearers
Pledge of Allegiance	**Chapman Elementary School Students**
Invocation	**Rev. John White, Pastor** Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church
Greetings	**Mrs. Carmetta C. Russell** Chairman, Board of Director Black Archives, History and Research Foundation **Mrs. Janet McAliley** Chairman, Dade County School Board **Mr. Octavio Visiedo** Superintendent, Dade County Public Schools **Mrs. Carol Cortes** Region Superintendent, Region IV Dade County Public Schools **Mr. Charles Bethel** Principal, Booker T. Washington Middle School **Mrs. Verneka Silva** Booker T. Washington Alumni Association
Recognition of officials	**Mr. Albert Weintraub** Member, Black Archives Board of Directors
Occasion	**Mrs. Dorothy J. Fields** Social Studies Specialist and Archivist, DCPS Founder, Black Archives, History and Research Foundation
Musical Selection	**Chapman Elementary Students**
Recognition of Family	**Mrs. Gwendolyn H. Welters** Secretary, Board of Directors Black Archives, History and Research Foundation
Multicultural Perspective	**Dr. Barbara Carey** Executive Director, DCPS Div. of Multicultural Programs and Alternative Education
Dedication Litany	**Booker T. Washington Middle School Students**
Announcements	**Dr. Walter Anders** Member, Black Archives Board of Directors
Postlude	**Booker T. Washington Middle School Band**

Official Ribbon Cutting, Tours and Refreshments
Immediately following dedication

Acknowledgments

In addition to the program participants and honorees, the Black Archives, History & Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the support and efforts of the following for helping to bring the dream of the Chapman House into reality:

Dr. Mildred Berry
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Dr. Gilbert Porter
Virginia Rosen
Marian H. Shannon
Senator William Turner

Catering by David Lynn
Dade Community Foundation
The Dade County School Board
The Dade Heritage Trust
The LINKS, Inc., Greater Miami Chapter
The National Alliance of Black School Educators, Greater Miami Chapter

Dedication Litany

Students: We are grateful for the preservation of this 17-room house built in 1923 by Dr. William A. Chapman for his wife and family.

General Response: From this day forth, the Chapman House is an ethnic heritage, children's folklife learning center for all of Dade County.

Students: We proudly recall the contributions of Dr. Chapman, who settled in Miami and began his medical practice in 1914 and used a portion of his home as his office.

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Students: We are inspired by the encouraging words the Chapman children recall their parents instilling in them, including "always prefer others to yourself," "do your part in the struggle to make democracy grow and be preserved" and "Miami one day will be a great city: be a part of its making."

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Students: We are grateful for the wisdom and administration of the Black Archives Foundation for striving to restore the Chapman House, of the City of Miami for designating it a historic site in 1983 and of Dade County Public Schools for sponsoring its adaptive reuse.

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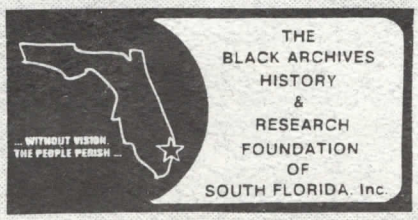
Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Sponsored by



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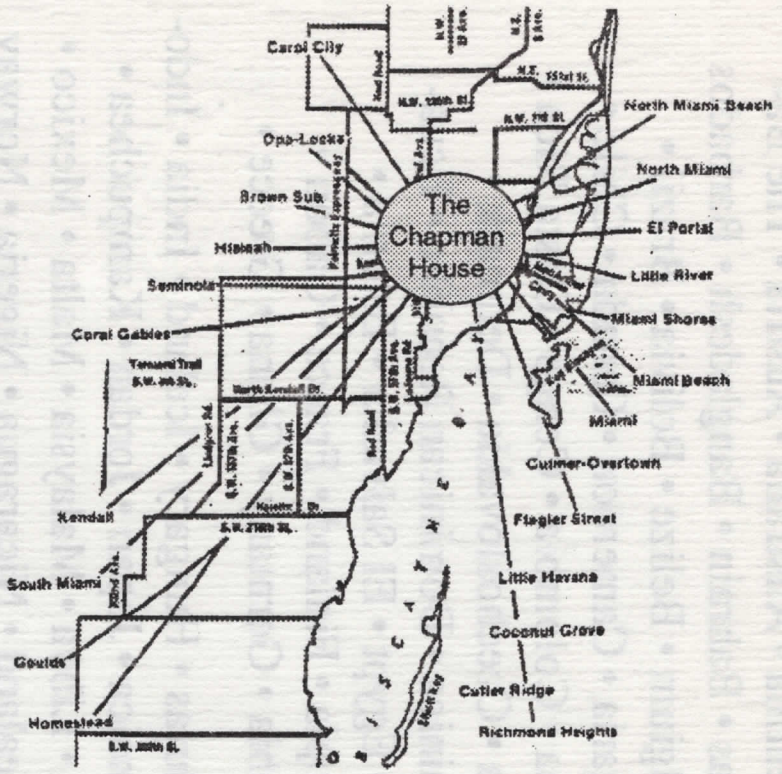

The Chapman House Program Celebrates

Our Neighborhoods: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Oral History Projects for students and senior citizens

Sponsored by the Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. and Dade County Public Schools Intergenerational Program

Why the Chapman House?

The idea for both the preservation of the Chapman House as a historic site and the districtwide multicultural oral history program were conceived by Dorothy Jenkins Fields, a DCPS school librarian and reading teacher. Over time following her interest and concern for documenting local history for school children, Ms. Fields has extended here training into social studies and archives. She is a districtwide social studies specialist and archivist for Dade County Public Schools; and founder of the Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. She is also a founding member of the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Board (currently she serves as Chair); Vice-Chairman of the Florida National Review Board: and advisor to the National Parks Service and the National Trust Initiative, "Teaching With Historic Places;" and a Board Member of the Dade Heritage Trust. In 1985 she initiated the Adopt-A-Pioneer and Adopt-A-Site Oral History Programs in celebration of Dade County Public Schools Centennial Celebration. Students countywide interviewed pioneers in their neighborhoods. This is the basis of the Ethnic Heritage Manuscript and Oral History Collection that will be established at the Chapman House. In addition this fall the program will include a component documenting local women's history and an international search for the families of the 1896 incorporators of the City of Miami.

Active Dade County Public School Students
Born in 120 Foreign Countries

(including United States Citizens)
January 29, 1993

Algeria • Andorra • Antigua and Barbuda • Argentina • Australia • Austria • The Bahamas • Bahrain • Bangladesh • Barbados • Belgium • Belize • Bolivia • Brazil • Bulgaria • Cameroon • Canada • Chile • China • Colombia • Congo • Costa Rica • Cuba • Czechoslovakia • Denmark • Dominica • Dominican Republic • Ecuador • Egypt • El Salvador • Estonia • Ethiopia • Finland • France • Gabon • Gambia • Germany • Ghana • Greece • Grenada • Guadeloupe • Guatemala • Guyana • Haiti • Honduras • Hungary • Iceland • India • Indonesia • Iran • Iraq • Ireland • Israel • Italy • Ivory Coast • Jamaica • Japan • Jordan • Kampuchea • Kenya • Korea • Kuwait • Laos • Latvia • Lebanon • Liberia • Libya • Malaysia • Malta • Mexico • Morocco • Mozambique • Nepal • The Netherlands • New Zealand • Nicaragua • Nigeria • Norway • Pakistan • Panama • Paraguay • Peru • Philippines • Poland • Portugal • Romania • Saint Lucia • Saint Vincent and the Grenadines • Saudi Arabia • Senegal • Seychelles • Sierra Leone • Singapore • South Africa • Spain • Sri Lanka • Sudan • Suriname • Sweden • Switzerland • Syria • Taiwan • Tanzania • Thailand • Togo • Trinidad and Tobago • Tunisia • Turkey • Union of Soviet Socialist Republics • United Arab Emirates • United Kingdom • Uruguay • Vietnam • Western Samoa • Yugoslavia • Zaire • Zambia • Zimbabwe •